



### **2014 Lua Cheia Em Vinhas Velhas Toucas**

A Blend Medium Dry White Table wine from Vinho Verde, Portugal

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Rating: 86

Drink: 2015-2016

Cost: \$12

The 2014 Toucas is a blend of 85% Loureiro, 8% Trajadura and 7% Arinto; with residual Sugar of 10.7 grams per liter and 9.5% alcohol. It is light and off-dry. Bright, with a bit of sparkle and fizz, this does not taste all that sweet as it balances its sugar very well. It is marked by herbaceous nuances on the finish that I found rather attractive. Elegant, aromatic and refreshing, this exceeded expectations for its style and price level. It does need to be drunk young and fresh, as wines like this don't always hold so well at peak. It should be completely satisfying this summer, though. Keep it nicely chilled.

This winery, part of the Wines & Winemakers by Saven group, manages to provide terrific values on a regular basis, particularly in white. This being June, here are some white selections for you. They are pretty much can't-miss bargains in their styles.